Ugandan Students Get U.S. High-Tech

Ugandan university students will get training in computer networks and high-tech manufacturing through a partnership involving USAID, Uganda, Cisco Systems, Inc., and EDS.

The combined value of the agreements, signed by Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni during a visit to USAID headquarters November 5, could reach $14.3 million.

Cisco is providing $8 million and USAID will give $2 million to create 10 network academies in the Ugandan university system, the first of 70 such training centers in 16 countries in Africa and elsewhere.

EDS will provide up to $4.2 million and USAID will give $100,000 to train Ugandan students in computerized manufacturing, with the goal of making Uganda a high-tech engineering and manufacturing hub in East Africa.